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SIMULTANEOUS ADMISSION AND RECOGNITION OF NORTH
KOREA

REF: (A) SEOUL 5049; (B) SEOUL 4902

1. ARTICLE 4 OF UN CHARTER LIMITS MEMBERSHIP IN UN TO
"STATES". THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT A STATE WHICH CASTS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ADMISSION OF NORTH KOREA TO UN COULD
NOT LATER ARGUE THAT IT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE SEPARATE NORTH
KOREAN STATE WITHOUT GIVING RISE TO INFERENCE THAT IT DOES
NOT TAKE SERIOUSLY REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 4 OF UN CHARTER.
YOU MAY INFORM ROKG THAT USG DOES NOT WISH TO LEAVE ITSELF
OPEN TO SUCH A CHARGE. USG HAS NEVER VOTED IN FAVOR OF
ADMISSION OF ANY NEW MEMBER AND LATER ASSERTED IT DID NOT
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RECOGNIZE NEW MEMBER.

2. CONCLUSION PARA 1 ABOVE LEADS US TO BELIEVE ROKG SHOULD NOT URGE SUPPORTERS OF SIMULTANEOUS ADMISSION TO ASSERT FOLLOWING VOTE IN FAVOR OF SIMULTANEOUS ADMISSION THAT THEY DO NOT RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA. RATHER, WE BELIEVE ROKG SHOULD ASK ITS SUPPORTERS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THEIR VOTE IN FAVOR OF SIMULTANEOUS ADMISSION IN NO WAY INDICATES A LESSENING OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE POSSIBLE FUTURE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA. ROGERS

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